

**March 17, 2016**

## **Statement - Supporters of supervised injection services in Toronto**

We have a growing overdose crisis in our City.

The number of individuals dying from drug overdose in Toronto exceeded 200 in 2013, and is increasing.

Supervised injection services can respond positively to the health and social needs of people who use drugs and save lives; and can also improve public safety by reducing the number of discarded needles and injections occurring in laneways and washrooms.

Therefore we support the establishment of one or more supervised injection services in Toronto, being operated by experienced health professionals.

### **Supporters of supervised injection services in Toronto**

**David Agnew** - President, Seneca College

**Rev. Andrew Asbil** - Dean and Rector, St. James Cathedral

**Max Beck** - Former CEO, Easter Seals Canada

**Paul Beeston** - Former President, Major League Baseball and Former President, Toronto Blue Jays

**John Kim Bell** - Conductor, Founder of the Canadian Native Arts Foundation (Indspire) and the National Aboriginal Achievement Awards

**Senator Larry Campbell** - Senator, former Mayor of Vancouver

**Joanne Campbell** - Retired VP, Community Relations, Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH)

**Walter Cavalieri** - Director, Canadian Harm Reduction Network

**Gloria Chaim** - Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH)

**Dr. Anil Chopra** - Chief of Emergency Medicine, University Health Network

**Gordon Cressy** - Past President, United Way of Greater Toronto

**David Crombie** - Former Mayor of Toronto

**Marlys Edwardh** - Lawyer

**Senator Art Eggleton** - Senator, former Mayor of Toronto

**Rabbi Edward Elkin** - First Narayever Congregation

**Dr. Michal Evans** - St. Michael's Hospital

**Dr. Paul Garfinkel** - Professor of Psychiatry, University of Toronto and founding CEO, Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH)

**Rev. Alexa Gilmour** - Windermere United Church

**Dr. Doris Grinspun** - Registered Nurses' Association of Ontario (RNAO)

**Barbara Hall** - Former Chair, Ontario Human Rights Commission, former Mayor of Toronto

**Richard and Nancy Hamm** - Investment business

**Dr. Paul Hannam** - Chief, Department of Emergency Medicine, Michael Garron Hospital, Toronto East Health Network

**Rev. Brent Hawkes** - Senior Pastor, Metropolitan Community Church of Toronto

**Rev. Maggie Helwig** - Church of St. Stephen-in-the-Fields

**Michael Hollett** - President, NOW Magazine

**Norman Inkster** - Former Commissioner, RCMP and former President, Interpol

**Alexis Jackson**

**Zeib Jeeva** - Activist, Ismaili Muslim Community

**Rev. Colin Johnson** - Archbishop of Toronto, Anglican Church of Canada

**Molly Johnson** - Singer, Songwriter

**Peter Leslie** - Member, Toronto Drug Strategy Implementation Panel and Board Member, Queen West-Central Toronto Community Health Centre

**Stephen Lewis** - Chair, Stephen Lewis Foundation

**Dennis Long** - Executive Director, Breakaway Addiction Services

**Bob Lunney** - Former Chief of Police, Peel Region and Senior Officer, RCMP

**Lorna Marsden** - Former President, York University

**Mary McConville** - Former Executive Director, Catholic Children's Aid Society, Toronto

**Heather McGregor** - CEO, YWCA Toronto

**Roy McMurty** - Former Attorney General and Chief Justice of Ontario

**David Miller** - Former Mayor of Toronto

**Dr. Howard Ovens** - Chief, Department of Emergency Medicine, Mount Sinai Hospital

**Selwyn Pieters** - Lawyer

**Dr. Michael Rachlis**

**Bob Rae** - Former Premier of Ontario

**Kyle Rae** - Former Toronto City Councillor, Chair of the Toronto Drug Strategy, 2003-2010

**Ceta Ramkhalawansingh** - Retired City of Toronto Equity and Diversity Manager and former Toronto City Councillor

**Alan Redway** - Former Mayor of East York

**Jill Robinson** - Chair, City of Toronto Stigma and Discrimination Working Group

**John Sewell** - Former Mayor of Toronto

**Roslyn Shields** - Senior Policy Analyst, Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH)

**Dr. Douglas Sinclair** - Emergency Medicine, St. Michael's Hospital

**Greg Sorbara** - Former Minister of Finance, Government of Ontario

**Lorne Sossin** - Dean, Osgoode Law School, York University

**Ed Waitzer** - Senior partner, Stikeman Elliott

**Dr. Dan Werb** - Director, International Centre for Science in Drug Policy and Research Scientist, Li Ka Shing Knowledge Institute, St. Michael's Hospital

**Rev. Lois Wilson** - Former Moderator, United Church of Canada

**Prof. Alan Young** - Director, The Innocence Project, York University